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ALEA's Marine Patrol Division Announces Fall Schedule of Boating Basics and License Courses

MONTGOMERY – On Friday, Sept. 9, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Marine Patrol Division announced upcoming available dates throughout the fall season for prospective boaters to enroll in the Boating Basics and License Course that will be taught by Troopers within ALEA's Marine Patrol Division.

ALEA's Director of Public Safety Colonel Jimmy Helms said, "As we transition from summer to fall, activities will begin to slow down on Alabama's waterways, however, the fall season is an excellent time to take full advantage of ALEA's boating and license course and receive hands-on education from local Troopers in your area, so you are prepared to enjoy any season on our state's waterways."

Corporal Robert Ping from ALEA's Marine Patrol Division Northern District added, "Our Marine Patrol Troopers are the perfect instructors for these live classes and do a wonderful job. The live classes allow for interaction with the instructor, and they are structured with an emphasis on the issues of your local bodies of water."

Citizens who complete the Boating Basics course will receive a certificate in the mail after Troopers submit the individual's information to the Agency's Driver License Division. The Driver License Division will then add the vessel class to their Alabama Driver License. Please note that it may take up to 10 business days before the customer can go online to alabamadr.alea.gov or visit their nearest county probate office to purchase their updated Alabama Driver License. Children 12 years old or older are eligible for a vessel operator's license, however, they will not be able to operate alone until the age of 14.

For more information, or to enroll in a class, please see the schedule attached and contact the Marine Patrol instructor via the email provided. A one-time application fee of \$5 cash will be charged. There will be a \$36.25 issuance fee for the license.

For additional information regarding ALEA's Marine Patrol Division and course information, please visit: [Boating Education and Operator Certification/License | Alabama Law Enforcement Agency \(alea.gov\)](http://Boating Education and Operator Certification/License | Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (alea.gov)).

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ALEA – MARINE PATROL DIVISION

REGION 4 – BOATING SAFETY / BOATER LICENSE CLASSES

September - November 2022

CITY	DATE / TIME	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	EMAIL
ALBERTVILLE	Sep. 24, 2022 1P - 7P	Alder Springs Volunteer Fire Dept. 5915 Hustleville Rd, 35951	Tpr. Kevin Hawkins	Kevin.Hawkins@alea.gov
ALBERTVILLE	Oct. 8, 2022 1P - 7P	Alder Springs Volunteer Fire Dept. 5915 Hustleville Rd, 35951	Tpr. Jake Mayo	Jacob.Mayo@alea.gov
ARLEY	Oct. 15, 2022 9A - 5P	Arley Volunteer Fire Department 236 County Road 7, 35541	Tpr. Kyle Stephenson	Joseph.Stephenson@alea.gov
ARLEY	Nov. 19, 2022 9A - 5P	Helicon Fire Department 6019 Helicon Road, 35541	Tpr. Kasey Pruitt	Kasey.Pruitt@alea.gov
CENTRE	Sep. 10, 2022 8A - 5P	Cherokee Co. Chamber of Commerce 801 Cedar Bluff Rd # A, 35960	Tpr. Eric Watson	Eric.Watson@alea.gov
CENTRE	Oct. 15, 2022 8A - 5P	Cherokee County EMA 260 Cedar Bluff Rd # 104, 35960	Tpr. Eric Watson	Eric.Watson@alea.gov
CENTRE	Nov. 12, 2022 8A - 5P	Cherokee County EMA 260 Cedar Bluff Rd # 104, 35960	Tpr. Eric Watson	Eric.Watson@alea.gov
CRANE HILL	Sep. 24, 2022 9A - 5P	Crane Volunteer Hill Fire Department 15123 County Road 222, 35053	Tpr. Bart Lindsey	Bradley.Lindsey@alea.gov
DECATUR	Sep 10, 2022 9A - 5P	Fredricks Outdoors 1312 S. Bethel Road, 35603	Tpr. Larry Adams	Larry.Adams@alea.gov
DECATUR	Oct. 1, 2022 9A - 5P	Riverwalk Marina, Hard Dock Café 3755 U.S. Hwy. 31N.	Tpr. Larry Adams	Larry.Adams@alea.gov
FLORENCE	Oct. 29, 2022 8A - 5P	Florence Fire Training Center 4648 Chisholm Road, 35633	Tpr. Chad Dyer	Chad.Dyer@alea.gov
FLORENCE	Nov. 5, 2022 8A - 5P	Cypress Creek Indoor Range 5060 Alabama Hwy. 157, 35633	Tpr. Cody Farrar	Justin.Farrar@alea.gov
GUNTERSVILLE	Nov. 15, 2022 8A - 5P	Guntersville Rescue Squad 2350 Miller Street, 35976	Tpr. James Young	James.Young@alea.gov
KILLEN	Oct. 8, 2022 8A - 5P	Killen Town Hall / Volunteer Fire Dept. 319 JC Mauldin Hwy, 35645	Tpr. Cody Farrar	justin.farrar@alea.gov